

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Math & Science Olympiad

Senator MASON: Can I just ask that you take this on notice: has consideration been given to funding that? Ms Paul: We will take it on notice. I do not know. Senator MASON: Also, is that particular report publicly available? I have not seen it. Ms Paul: I will find out. I do not know the answer to that. Senator MASON: If it is, could it be made available. If not, then clearly it cannot. Ms Paul: Yes.

Answer

Maths and Science Olympiads

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations are jointly funding the Australian Mathematics Trust and Australian Science Innovations to run the Mathematics, Informatics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology Olympiads Programs until 2012-13.

As part of DIISR's funding to support Australia's participation in the International Olympiads, Australian Science Innovations and the Australian Mathematics Trust were funded to undertake an independent evaluation of the Olympiads programs and their management. That evaluation was conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers and a final report completed in June 2011.

The report has not been published as it contains financial information about the operations of Australian Science Innovations and the Australian Mathematics Trust.